

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 10(a).

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application and have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 have been amended, and claims 3, 4, 11-16, 20, 29 and 30 have been cancelled. Therefore claims 1, 2, 5-10, 17-19, 21 and 23-28 are at issue.

Applicant traverses the Examiners objection to the drawings. As to Figs. 3, 4 and 7, the reference character "X" is a commonly used cross mark (X-mark). The cross marked pixels or pixel blocks values can be any of "1" or "0." By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended for clarification. As to Fig. 10(a), a replacement sheet is submitted herewith wherein a lead line has been added connecting reference number 55b to the box "Labeling with provisional identifiers." No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Applicant notes the Examiner's suggested new title and has amended the title of this application accordingly. A Supplemental Application Data Sheet indicating the amended title (and a new assignee) has been concurrently submitted.

Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claim 17 (and claims 18-30 depending there from) under 35 U.S.C. § 101as directed to non-statutory subject matter. By this Amendment claim 17 has been amended to more clearly define a statutory apparatus, as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of Murakawa (U.S. Pub. Appn. No. 2003/0156757).

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 5-10 now depend from amended claim 1, and therefore should be allowable as well. Claims 3 and 11-16 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5-10 is respectfully requested.

Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 17-21 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of Murakawa and Sakagami et al., (U.S. Pub. Appn. No. 2003/0110444).

By this Amendment, claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 22, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 18, 19, 21, 23-28 now depend from amended claim 17, and therefore should be allowable as well. Claims 20, 22, and 29-30 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17-19, 21 and 23-28 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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